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#### REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the foregoing changes to the specification and indicate approval of FIG. 3, submitted herewith. The foregoing amendment is to correct some inadvertent typographical errors in the specification and new FIG. 3 includes reference numerals that are employed in the specification, but were inadvertently omitted from the submitted figure. No new matter is entered.

#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendment and approve the new figure submitted. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-0967. Consideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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Equation [1] above illustrates that a direct two-dimensional pyramid filter architecture of order  $2N-1$ , in this case where  $N$  is three, may potentially be implemented using either four two-dimensional pyramid filters of order  $[2(N-1)-1]$  or one two-dimensional pyramid filter of order  $[2(N-1)-1]$  using four signal sample matrices  $P_{i-1,j-1}^{3 \times 3}, P_{i-1,j+1}^{3 \times 3}, P_{i+1,j-1}^{3 \times 3}, P_{i+1,j+1}^{3 \times 3}$  and two one-dimensional pyramid filters of order  $2N-1$ , here row-wise and column-wise, in this example.

FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram illustrating such an embodiment, although, of course, the claimed subject matter is not limited in scope to this particular implementation or embodiment. For example, the output signal samples corresponding to those produced by four two-dimensional pyramid filters of order  $2(N-1)-1$ , here order three**[five]** where  $N$  is three, may not necessarily be produced by two-dimensional pyramid filters. As just one example, these output signals may be produced using one-dimensional pyramid filters. One such filter is shown in FIG. 2, although, again, additional approaches to producing the output signals for the architecture shown in FIG. 3 may also be employed.